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## Request Application Number 09/768,629-Conf. #003561 For Filing Date January 25, 2001 Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal First Named Inventor Manabu HYODO Address to: Art Unit 2612 MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Examiner Name J. P. Misleh Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 0879-0297P Attorney Docket Number

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

| s, 1993, or to any design application.  |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, are amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they we applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) eramendment(s). | ere filed u | nléss applica | ant instructs otherwise. If |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.   |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ii. Other b. x Enclosed   |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. x Enclosed  i. X Amendment/Reply iii. Information  ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other   | Disclosu    | re Stateme    | nt (IDS)                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Miscellaneous  |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a  |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| period of months. (Period of suspension shall not ex-   |             |               | , ,                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Other  |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 v  | vhen the    | RCE is filed  |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, overpayments to Deposit Account No I h.  |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i. X RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)  |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)   |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| iii. Other  |             |               |                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).   |  | Application Nun              | pplication Number 09/768,629-Conf. #003561 |                                       | onf. #003561 |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| FEE TRANSMITTAL   |  | Filing Date                  |  | January 25, 2001                      |              |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| For FY 2005   |  |                              | First Named Inv                            |                                       | Manabu HYODO |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| FOI F 1 2005  |  |                              | Examiner Name                              |                                       | J. P. Misleh |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27   |  |                              | Art Unit                                   | -                                     | 2612         |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 790.00 Attorney Docket No. 0879-0297P  |  |                              |  |                                       |              |                          |                          |  |  |  |
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| For the   | above-identified dep                     | osit account, the D          | irector is                                 | hereby authorize                      | ed to: (chec | k all that apply)        |                          |  |  |  |
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| 1. BASIC FILIN  | G, SEARCH, AND E                         | XAMINATION FE                | ES   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |              |                          |                          |  |  |  |
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| Utility   | 300                                      |                              | 500  | 250                                   | 200          | 100                      |                          |  |  |  |
| Design  | 200                                      | 100                          | 100  | 50                                    | 130          | 65                       |                          |  |  |  |
| Plant   | 200                                      |                              | 300  | 150                                   | 160          | 80                       | -                        |  |  |  |
| Reissue   | 300                                      |                              | 500  | 250                                   | 600          | 300                      | ,                        |  |  |  |
| Provisional   | 200                                      | 100                          | 0  | 0                                     | 0            | 0                        |                          |  |  |  |
| 2. EXCESS CLA   | AIM FEES                                 |                              |  |                                       |              |                          | Small Entity             |  |  |  |
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| Total Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) Multiple Dependent Claims  |  |                              |  |                                       |              |                          |                          |  |  |  |
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| 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE  If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer  |  |                              |  |                                       |              |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). |  |                              |  |                                       |              |                          |                          |  |  |  |
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| Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1801 Request for continued examination (RCE) (see 37 790.00  |  |                              |  |                                       |              |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| SUBMITTED BY  | 11                                       | A                            |  |                                       |              |                          |                          |  |  |  |
| Signature   | 10ca                                     | - 1/4                        | To   | Registration No.<br>(Attorney/Agent)  | 32,181       | Telephone                | (703) 205-8000           |  |  |  |
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